

appointed to Government posts on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board;

- (b) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative, why were appointments made in supersession of the claims of acting hands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*):

- (a) Yes. Fresh hands as well as candidates with prior acting service whose service could not be verified before the publication of the list have been appointed.
(b) To satisfy communal claims. In making fresh appointments the claims of no individual with officiating service within the same community or sub-community have been overlooked.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Is this the practice obtaining ever since the institution of the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Ever since the new rules were introduced.

CENTRAL JAIL—OPENING OF READING ROOM, ETC.

36. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether the Government has noted on p.5 of the *Mail* dated 29th September 1940, the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Madras Presidency Non-Official Jail Visitors' Association ;
(b) whether they have noted the suggestions for improvements by them ;
(c) whether they have specially noted about the necessity of reading rooms in the Jails ;
(d) whether there is a reading room in our Central Jail of the type mentioned in that proceedings ;
(e) if not, will the Government be pleased to open such a reading room in our Central Jail ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*):

- (a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.

(d) In the Central Jail there is no reading room, but there is a small library there.

(e) The matter will be considered by Government.

CATTLE—RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENTS—RULES IN TOWNS OUTSIDE COCHIN STATE

37. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any rules regarding the restriction of the movements of cattle in the following towns, and if so, how they are enforced.

Kottayam
Alleppey
Calicut
Cannanore
Tellichery, and
Mangalore?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Sir, may I know whether the Government will enquire into that matter and find out the information?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): There is no objection to enquire, but there is absolutely no need to ask for the information so far as we are concerned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellore*): Are there such restrictions in Czechoslovakia? (*Laughter*).

Mr. President: There are more stringent restrictions than this.

CATTLE—STRAYING IN MUNICIPALITIES—PREVENTION OF

38. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhoras-Trichur*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Government have issued any orders to the municipalities to prevent cattle being let loose in the town;

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy on the table?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the order is placed on the table.*

* Appendix I